

Andy Peterson will serve as the interim director of athletics following Mel Tjeerdsma's retirement April 30. He has been at Northwest for the majority of the last 15 years.

Northwest dubs interim AD

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As soon as Mel Tjeerdsma announced his retirement from Bearcat Athletics, Northwest Missouri State officials had a hole to fill.

It turns out the right fit wasn't too far away. For now, a familiar face will take helm of the position.

The University announced Andy Peterson as the interim director of athletics April 4.

Peterson has been affiliated with the department for much of the last 15 years.

"I'm excited for this opportunity," Peterson said per press release. "Bearcat athletics has been a special place to me for a long time, and to have this responsibility and opportunity to lead this un-

believably strong group is a dream come true."

Whether it be as an athlete, graduate assistant, assistant coach, head coach or assistant director of athletics, Peterson has experienced the Bearcat culture from the ground up.

He most recently held the position of head women's golf coach and assistant athletic director of facilities.

One year earlier he witnessed Northwest men's basketball's run to a national championship as an assistant coach under Ben McCollum.

"Andy's strategic outlook, keen intellect, business acumen and people management skills are combinations to help continue accentuating the strengths of our athletics department and focus on the student-athlete experience," Northwest President John Jasinski said per press release.

Peterson arrived to Northwest in 2003 as a member of the men's basketball team. He helped Northwest claim the 2006-07 regular season MIAA Championship. He also helped the team to the 2008 conference tournament title.

Upon graduation from Northwest in 2008, Peterson served two seasons as a graduate assistant. The first was under former coach Steve Tappmeyer. The second was under McCollum.

Peterson's lone year away from Northwest came as he ventured to Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa. He served as Southwestern's head men's golf coach and assistant men's basketball coach during the 2010-11 season.

He returned to Northwest as the assistant men's basketball coach one year later.

Peterson is in his fifth year as

assistant athletics director for facilities, where he oversees day-to-day operations and scheduling for all Bearcat athletics venues. He also assists with home contest operations and management.

"His experiences in operations and as a player and coach also provide an important context as we look to the future of continuing our strong focus on student-athlete success and in competing within the MIAA at the DII level," Jasinski said.

He joined the women's golf program as coach following Pat McLaughlin's retirement in 2014.

Peterson will begin fulfilling his new responsibilities following Tjeerdsma's retirement April 30.

"I am confident in our team to lead our department and do what's best for our student-athletes, our coaches and our University," Peterson said.

Senate votes to increase fees

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Student Senate voted to increase designated fees by \$5.25 per-credit-hour for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

Four different fees are included in the increase: student employment, SafeRide, technology and co-curricular. These proposed fees will go to the Board of Regents to be voted on and incorporated into the overall budget at the end of April.

Student Senate Vice President Alyssa Lincoln said the fee increase is a necessary change to keep the University going at a successful rate.

"I think Senate did a great job of getting out there, talking to their constituents and voting for their constituents," Lincoln said. "That's ultimately the part that I'm excited about. I don't think anybody is happy about their bill going up, but these are the things we need to do, the steps we need to take so that we have an alma mater that we can keep growing and recruiting students at a high rate."

The student employment fee is proposed to increase from \$4.10 per-credit-hour to \$5.85 per-credit-hour. The proposed fee increase would allow for student employment to add 20-30 more positions and help cover minimum wage increases.

The Safe Ride fee is proposed to increase from \$0.75 per-credit-hour to \$1.75 per-credit-hour. This fee increase would allow for continued support for operational expenses, extended coverage and an app service upgrade.

The technology fee is proposed to increase from \$20.70 per-credit-hour to \$23.20 per-credit-hour. This fee increase would allow for email threat detection services, multi-factor authentication services and EasyPass self-service registration.

The technology fee had three voting options; Student Senate passed the most expensive one.

Student Senate voted to keep the co-curricular fee at \$0.50.

Student Senate appointed a fees committee to provide feedback to administration about the fees they wanted proposed. The committee met several times before presenting each fee option to Student Senate.

Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker said he looks at what can be done to improve student experience while understanding the need to keep it affordable.

"One of the things that Northwest prides itself on is focusing on access and affordability, so we're always cognizant on what the overall cost is going to be for a student," Baker said. "We don't like bringing fees. We don't like doing that, but we also want to maintain a high-quality product for the students, so we really try to be diligent in what we propose and what we bring."

Junior Marissa Mallon served on the fees committee and said she feels confident in Student Senate's decision.

"I am immensely happy with the results of the fees discussion this year," Mallon said. "The committee and Student Senate took strides to improve services on campus... All the fees the committee recommended were passed with great discussion and consensus building among all the Senators and our constituents."

City releases unofficial election results

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Unofficial municipal election results from Tuesday are in, filling the two open seats on Maryville City Council.

Four candidates ran for the two open seats; Matt Johnson and incumbent Jason McDowell received the top votes in the election. Johnson's unofficial vote count is 448. McDowell's unofficial vote count is 371. The two other candidates were incumbent Jerry Riggs, receiving 302 votes, and Jason Sybert, receiving 111 votes.

City Manager Greg McDowell said electing officials is important for the Maryville community.

"City Council candidates are an important part of the process, volunteering their time to assist with community and policy decisions," McDowell said. "From public safety, public works, economic development, water, sewer...local government has a direct impact on the daily lives of our citizens."

Johnson was a first-time candidate, new to the political sphere. Johnson is a senior history instructor at Northwest and a volunteer firefighter at Maryville Public Safety.

In an article with the Maryville Forum, Johnson said his first goal is to complete the proposed \$4 million police and fire headquarters.

"It's going to be important to be fiscally responsible," John-



Volunteers Terry Vaughn and Bruce Bishop validate Maryville resident Nancy Shipley's address and name before casting her vote.

son said in an interview with the Maryville Forum. "It's not just the money but making sure it's built right the first time."

McDowell served the past two years as mayor. He is the principal of Northeast Nodaway R-V School.

According to the Maryville Forum, McDowell said he is looking forward to serving his next term but will not be running for a

third term.

"I think we're in great shape," McDowell said in an interview with the Maryville Forum. "We have made good strides with approval of the bed tax and tourism, as well as infrastructure and streets. Now it's time to make those projects a reality. It's a matter of bringing those things to life and staying under budget."

McDowell urged Maryville residents on election day to go vote. In total 1,238 citizens voted.

"Local government has a substantial impact on your daily lives whether you are aware of it or not," McDowell said. "From partnerships on large-scale initiatives to provision of basic services, local government is often the crucial yet forgotten element of our democracy."

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The Nodaway County Ambulance District recently replaced a large portable shelter after being damaged during Missouri Hope last fall.

New equipment replacement to benefit Missouri Hope

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The Nodaway County Ambulance District will be receiving a new portable shelter to replace an old shelter that was damaged.

Nodaway County Ambulance District Director of Operations Bill Florea said these shelters are used for large natural disasters.

"They are mainly for us to deploy in the event of a major disaster, and we had to build a hospital or maybe a triage site on scene somewhere," Florea said.

The ambulance district owns one of four portable shelters in region H, the northwest region of Missouri. Every year, these shelters are deployed at Missouri Hope. Florea explains this is where the shelter was damaged.

"Last fall, during Missouri

Hope, the wind came up and ripped out the stakes and launched our (portable shelter) over 100 yards and broke several of the metal x-frames and also tore the covering for the tent," Florea said.

Florea said this was at least the second time it blew away and did so despite being as secure as possible.

"We had every stake we could have put on that one and it still launched," Florea said.

The shelters are part of the "mass casualty response squadron". The Maryville Squad captain is Northwest Emergency Medical Services Training Director Mark Corson. Corson said the shelter was beyond repair.

"We spent hours and hours repairing it, only to discover we can no longer get repair parts for it," Corson said.

The problem with the old

building, as explained by Florea, is the structure of the shelter is based on metal x-frames, which easily bend in the wind. Florea also said the old shelter had small stakes.

The new shelter, which was paid for by an insurance claim, is inflatable and is identical to the other three shelters already owned throughout region H. Corson said the benefit of the new shelter was on display during the same windstorm that destroyed the old shelter.

"With the inflatable shelter that was on the same hill, they were able to deflate it very quickly and prevent it from blowing over," Corson said.

The new shelter has other benefits. Corson said it is very close to what is seen in the military.

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Facebook under fire after fake profiles used to support elections

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The U.S.'s largest agency for monitoring protective business practices confirmed March 26 it had launched a probe into the social networking company Facebook.

This came 10 days after CEO Mark Zuckerberg apologized in the wake of a New York Times report stating that a U.K. political consulting firm collected data from over 50 million users' profiles.

Cambridge Analytica employees confided in the report, data was used to create profiles to help garner support for candidates in U.S. and U.K. elections in 2014 and 2016.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission, with the backing of 37 U.S. states, have mounted pressure on the site and its CEO to explain how it allowed millions of users' data to be manipulated.

One state conducting its own probe into the social media giant is Missouri, who had its Attorney General Josh Hawley announce April 2 it would respond to the scandal.

Hawley's probe will determine whether the company violated Missouri's deceptive and unfair business practice law.

"I want to know: does Facebook truly disclose to its users the kind of data that it collects," Hawley said in a press conference. "Does it disclose how it uses this information, and is Facebook taking the necessary precautions to protect the personal information of its users?"

The news comes on the heels of a similar Facebook scandal involving a Russian company conjuring thousands of political ads that were placed within the site.

Zuckerberg recently denied requests from British lawmakers to

answer questions about the breach; Facebook officials confirmed they are planning to speak with U.S. legislators.

He is being urged to speak with Congress regarding the incident, which national reports suggest he will do in the upcoming weeks.

A movement among Facebook users to delete their accounts was created following the scandal, with high profile names like Will Ferrell and Elon Musk joining the group.

"I was very disturbed to hear about Cambridge Analytica's misuse of millions of Facebook user's information," Ferrell posted on Facebook. "I can no longer, in good conscience, use the services of a company that allowed the spread of propaganda and directly aimed it at those most vulnerable."

A recent USA Today poll indicated 84 percent of Facebook users are either mildly or very worried about how their data could be used, but only half would adjust their usage.

Many users and experts have taken exception to the notion that Facebook is entirely to blame for the scandal.

Jody Strauch, a Northwest professor who specializes in social media marketing, said while she is disappointed with Facebook, their terms and agreements contract explicitly permits the collection of user's data.

"Nowadays, when I ask about social media privacy in class, nobody seems to expect privacy at all," Strauch said.

She echoed the fact that Facebook's technology is similar to the same advertising and marketing techniques used by other websites who monitor and collect data.

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Facebook has become a playground for misinformation and data breaches and is no longer safe for the average user.

A few weeks ago, it was revealed that Cambridge Analytica, a U.K. data analytics company, stole the personal information of more than 85 million Facebook users. This was done by collecting information through one of the many types of quizzes users see friends and family posting on the daily. The quiz in question was titled "This is Your Digital Life."

Though it may seem like a drop in the bucket of the social network's digitally staggering user count of almost 2 billion total accounts, 85 million counts of breached information is nothing to brush off.

Facebook quizzes have a fundamental design that strives for viral appeal. "Your friend took this quiz, click here to find out your results too," is a phrase that can spread like wildfire. We do not want to be a part of these addic-

tive quizzes, but when we get too close, our involvement is almost inevitable.

Users can't trust themselves to maintain a safe distance from potentially malicious Facebook programs. It is too easy to think this mark of 85 million won't eventually include a friend or family member until it happens. Privacy and protection of privacy is one of the most important issues we are faced with today, yet many of us will sit idly as more occurrences of stolen information crop up.

Cambridge Analytica used the quiz app to harvest locations, pictures, friends lists, genders all the way down to the most basic of online interests. "This is Your Digital Life" only managed to reach 270,000 users, but the program works like a virus. Once a user took the quiz, Cambridge would then have access to the user's entire friend network.

This wide variety of information was then used to essentially create psychographic profiles of

each profile scanned.

Christopher Wylie, whistleblower and former director of research at Cambridge Analytica, says the company was founded with a goal to steal information out from under Facebook's nose. This was not done specifically to appear as a nefarious entity however, as Cambridge Analytica was directly involved with interfering with the general mindset of Facebook members.

"We exploited Facebook to harvest millions of people's profiles and built models to exploit what we knew about them and target their inner demons," Wylie said. "That was the basis the entire company was built on."

Now, it seems, this data was used in the U.S. presidential election as CNN has reported that the Trump campaign paid Cambridge almost \$6 million to gain access to the stolen information. Even if Cambridge's influences were minor, suddenly, this manipulation has real-world consequences that

are potentially already cemented in history.

Furthermore, the data collected may have interfered with 2016's Brexit vote.

Facebook started to catch on to the "breach" in 2015, dealt with the issue by removing the app from its website and required Cambridge to delete all data taken that violated Facebook policy. After Cambridge was able to confirm the data was no longer accessible, Facebook determined that the situation had been taken care of.

Fast forward three years later and it is clear the certification received was not enough. Cambridge Analytica got away with everything because Facebook's best efforts to stop the data breach were futile.

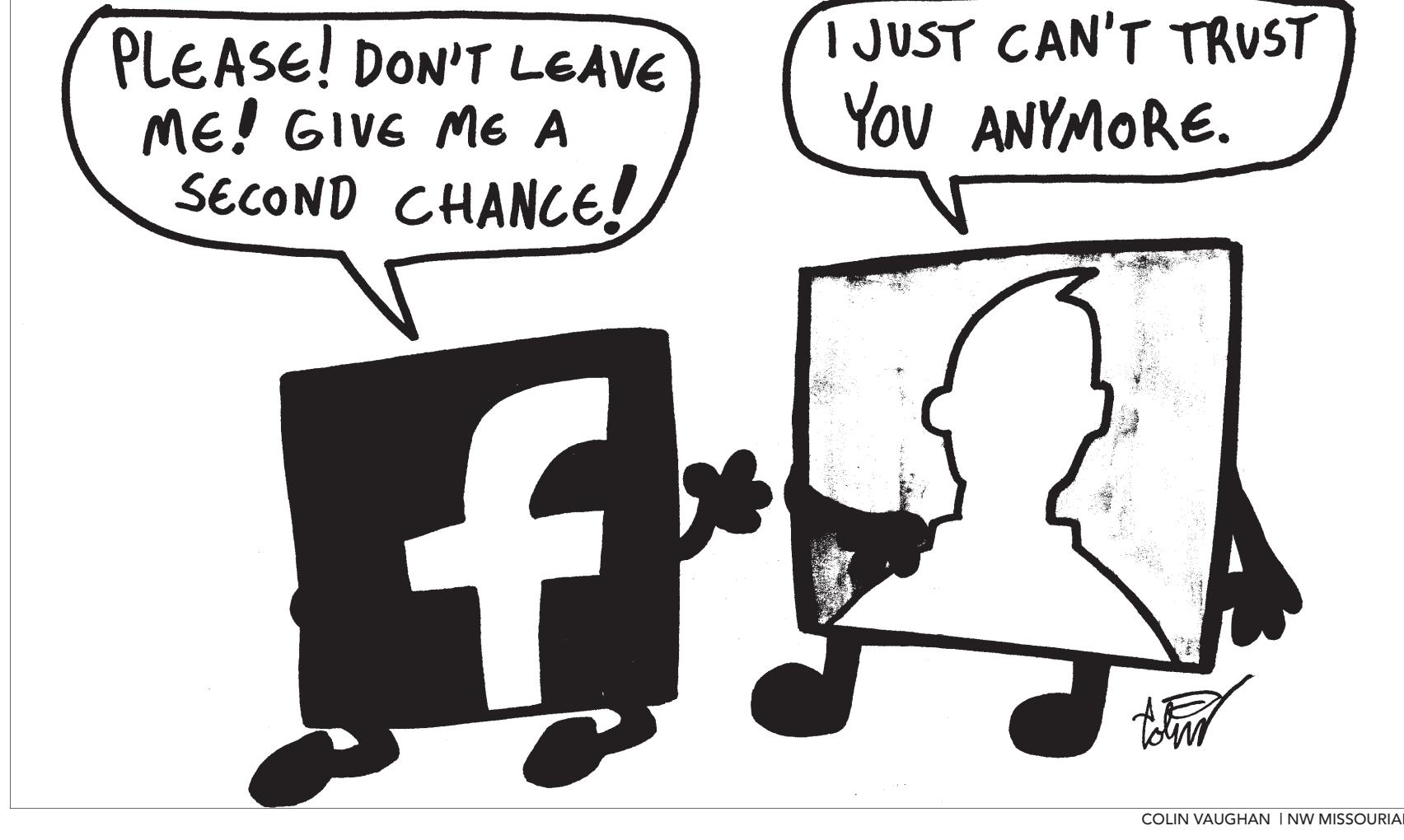
Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg says the social media platform will never be able to fully protect itself from those who will take advantage of their access to information. There will always be efforts to improve security, but if

Zuckerberg does not trust the company's ability to defend its users, then why should the users trust the company in the first place?

Most are fine with Facebook using their information as a tool to drive advertisements and make money, but now third parties are involved so who has what information is less clear.

Facebook asks users if they are willing to trust third party games, apps and quizzes by asking for a confirmation click, but these terms of service-like agreements are not getting the job done. If Facebook cannot stop a massive information leak like this, then why does Facebook deserve our trust?

It is time to treat Facebook and other social media sites as a "Big Brother" type of entity and less like a friendly social media hub. Without consciousness of the information these sites have access to, there is no telling what others will have access to.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Savannah school savage mascot is offensive to Native American culture

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The Savannah school district needs to change their Savage mascot

The Savannah Savages is an incredibly insensitive mascot, and the slogan "to instill Savage Pride in students" shows a student that it is okay to disrespect other cultures.

To have a mascot for an entire school district that is a derogatory term toward Native Americans is unacceptable. It shows a complete disregard for Native Americans and Native American cultures.

Having a mascot, such as the Savages, can be seen as not wanting or accepting diversity. Imagine a Native American student attending a Savannah school and another student then points to the student and say, "look there's our mascot." For a district to believe it is okay to teach students from kindergarten to high school that the ever-de-meaning Savage mascot is a mas-

cot to be proud of is no longer okay, nor was it ever.

In today's society, cultural acceptance is desperately needed, and by having a derogatory term as a mascot, it is out of place and a sign of insensitivity. Northwest Missouri State strives to be a diverse campus that is tolerant and accepting of all cultures. Savannah school district participates in Northwest's education program with student's observations and student teaching, but how are they going to help teach the teachers of the future if they are still stuck in promoting insensitive terms toward other cultures?

The Savannah school district needs to reevaluate its mascot if it wants its students to succeed in a society where acceptance is essential and to show a cultural sensitivity. Northwest needs to reconsider working with a district whose mascot goes against what Northwest strives to teach its students and future educators.

Making change is uncomfortable

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The first step to alleviating social injustices based on race, social class, education, etc. and understanding the differences, is to become comfortable with being uncomfortable. This seems to be a hard task for our overly sensitive society. Our individual comfort abilities are tied to one another's, as social media platforms, Twitter specifically, have tied opinions to a bandwagon phenomenon.

Millennials are easily the main advocates for social changes. Millennials are striving for immense changes in education, wages, healthcare and economy within our country, according to a Philanthropy News Digest article. This drive for change, combined with the toxic entitlement and need to be right, has created an unhealthy block of opposing opinions and viewpoints.

The shared mindset between Millennials is a phenomenon that is groundbreaking in its momentum. While it provides a proactive and strikingly beneficial change in social justice, this

'one thought for all' mentality has created a no-tolerance movement that has changed debating viewpoints and opinions into oppressive and offensive thoughts that should be scrubbed from the mouths of those who said it.

It seems unpopular opinions have become the Millennial's personal nemesis, as their strong determinations and passions have led many public institutions and universities to adopt safe spaces for the many debating opinions to discuss their differences privately and amongst themselves.

According to a study conducted by LendEDU, 37 percent of college students say safe spaces are far from realistic and ineffective, while another 36 percent say safe spaces are absolutely necessary to college students and their universities. Another 25 percent of students are indifferent to them entirely.

These safe spaces are doing nothing but creating a bigger divide, coddling students by sheltering them from others who may think differently or simply disagree. College students need to learn the benefit of opposing viewpoints and attempt to understand what they can't already.

Though the study '2016 Millennial Impact Report: Cause En-

gagement During a U.S. Presidential Election Year' states Millennials actively research topics they have little knowledge of to better their understanding of a situation, our shared brain only allows us to see one aspect of a multi-faceted problem with numerous roots and motivations.

Safe spaces haven't been the only downfall of Millennials' great passions. This generation's oversensitivity has led to rash and purely emotional joint decisions without first observing all possible solutions to problems.

With every coming injustice or national tragedy, we flock to the popular opinion and rampage, shoving this one ideal down the throats of the rest of the nation, renaming differences in viewpoints with oppression, prejudice and every 'phobic' one can think of.

The lengths social changes have come with the help of this generation is astounding and far from unnecessary or just, but there also needs to be a healthy balance to everything. We cannot block or dismiss every viewpoint or opinion that does not justify our own. Without a healthy contribution of opposing perspectives, we will be left as brainless zombies, all spouting the same nonsense.

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Lawmakers considering electronic ballot ban

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The Missouri Senate is considering a bill that will forbid the use of electronic voting machines and require the exclusive use of traditional paper ballots.

The bill has already passed the House with a 108-31 vote. State Rep. Paul Curtman presented the bill to Missouri Senate last week.

As stated in House Bill No. 2208, no electronic voting systems will be approved unless meeting specific guidelines and "The official ballot shall be a paper ballot that is hand-marked by the voter or, in the case of disabled voters who need assistance, by a paper-ballot marking device designed to assist the disabled."

Assistant political science professor Daniel Smith shared his view on the bill.

"I'm not a fan of closing off options, and electronic voting technology is likely to improve over time," Smith said. "Paper is the most stable and secure, as the physical records are easier to verify and less subject to outside ma-

nipulation. Paper ballots are also easier to deal with in the event a voter makes a mistake and wishes to correct their ballot. On the other hand, paper ballots take longer to count, are more likely to raise conflicts regarding a voter's intent..."

If the bill is enacted, all employed electronic voting machines will be phased out after they reach the end of their effective life. Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, Missouri will not replace any direct-record electronic touch-screen vote counting machines that experience malfunctions or add any additional machines.

Missouri will still permit the use of electronic counting systems and paper ballot marking devices to assist disabled voters.

The eradication of electronic voting machines would be done in hopes of protecting the safety of votes and defending against potential hackers.

After a scare involving Russian hackers during the 2016 presidential elections, where 39 states' systems were targeted but fortunately evaded the alteration of votes, multiple states throughout the nation made moves to end the

use of electronic voting machines.

Freshman and previous Senate Republican Caucus staff intern Mary Tess Urbanek advocated for paper ballots, due in part to her experience working during the 2016 presidential election vote-calculation process.

"I personally think paper voting is the best choice. It takes away the room for error in regards to something going wrong with technology," Urbanek said. "Even in your classrooms, think about how many times technology has gone wrong, and then it screws up the rest of the lecture. I think that you don't want something as important as letting your voice be heard become obstructed by technological error."

Urbanek stressed the importance of avoiding potential security risks associated with electronic ballots.

"I think today, we are living in a society where it's really easy for someone to take away something from you via the internet," Urbanek recognized. "When our government is built on this idea that we get to pick whose in power, and we get to choose who we

want to speak for us, we have to continue to protect that. I think by doing paper ballots we continue to make that our priority because there is a lot of room for error with electric stuff."

In addition to providing increased security through lowering the risk of hacking, paper ballots are a more cost-efficient option.

Each machine costs approximately \$5,000. St. Louis County alone has 1,500 electronic voting machines, amounting to \$7.5 million.

Missouri Senator Bill Eigel, the original sponsor of the bill, expressed the magnitude of potential savings in an interview with MisouriNet.

"The machines cost \$5,000 apiece, roughly," Eigel said. "When the time comes that they need to replace the machines, sometime in the future, they won't need as many machines. Now 1,000 machines at \$5,000 apiece, that's \$5 million. That'll buy 25 years of paper ballots."

Twenty percent of votes in the United States are cast with no paper trail.

At this time, all Missouri

counties use paper ballots to some extent. Approximately 24 counties across the state utilize electronic voting machines.

Sophomore political science major Truman Wiles expressed the importance of consistency, saying they need to pick "one or the other" when it comes to paper ballots or electronic ballots.

"I happened to be in a county where they did it electronically, but I would think in a few counties over, they may not have that technology, so it's done differently, which I don't like," Wiles said. "It's not the same election then."

Nodaway County, along with much of rural Missouri, relies solely on paper ballots, so this bill will have no effect.

Smith emphasized the importance of considering simplicity when choosing a voting method.

"America has been plagued with crappy voter turnout for generations, and anything that simplifies the process and builds voter confidence needs to be considered," Smith said.

Blotters for the week of April 5

Maryville Public Safety

March 16

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at the 2600 block of South Main Street.

March 20

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at the 1500 block of south Munn Street.

March 21

A summons was issued to Cody Loiselle, 21, for peace disturbance at the 100 block of west Ninth Street.

March 25

A summons was issued to David Winters, 22, from Falls City, Nebraska, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of north Market Street.

March 26

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at Judah Park.

A summons was issued to Joseph Everhart, 27, from Skidmore, Missouri, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of north Market Street.

March 27

There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at the 600 block of west Lincoln Street.

March 28

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle at the 300 block of west First Street.

A summons was issued to Thomas Howard, 23, for failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 2400 block of south Main Street.

A summons was issued to Kayla Branstetter, 22, from Independence, Missouri, for wanted on warrant and failure to appear at the 400 block of north Market Street.

March 29

A summons was issued to Andrew Turner, 19, for minor in possession, failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving while suspended and possession of another's I.D. at the 400 block of west Ninth Street.

March 30

A summons was issued to Wesley Smith, 22, for driving while intoxicated and speeding at the 200 block of north Buchanan Street.

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Companies, like Amazon and Google, collect and analyze the search data from millions of users to create targeted advertisements and develop future trends.

It's why a person's Google search for sandals will result in sandal ads later appearing on YouTube.

Facebook contends that information and sharing agreements in most cases are used to improve the site, like the accuracy and interactive nature of games and apps with friends.

"We don't have to be on

Facebook," Strauch said. "We have to ask ourselves, 'how much privacy are we willing to give up for the benefits of social media?'"

Kody Rawson, a graduate marketing major at Northwest, agrees that while Facebook didn't respond to the situation in the best way, the complacency of many online users and their awareness is a contributing factor.

"I don't think people understand what all the information we post means and how valuable that information is to so many companies," Rawson said.

Beyond that, he said the issue has been interesting be-

cause of the way it's opened so many people's eyes to how technology is really being used.

"It's better for you to understand what something is to prevent it from happening, instead of saying I'm not going to use this anymore," Rawson said.

The company has seen its market shares go down 13 percent since it confirmed their data had been tampered with by the political firm.

Zuckerberg said he and the company have been working on improving the security of the site but admitted it will likely take a few years before the site is entirely fixed.

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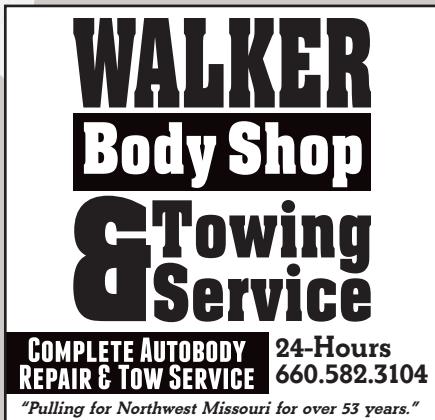
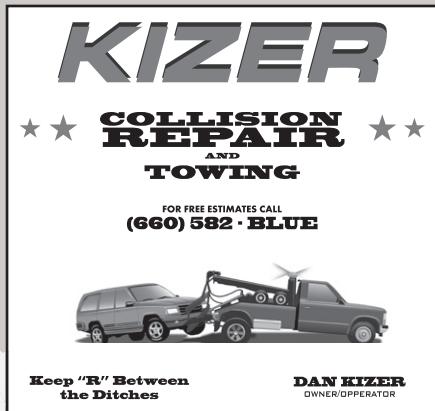
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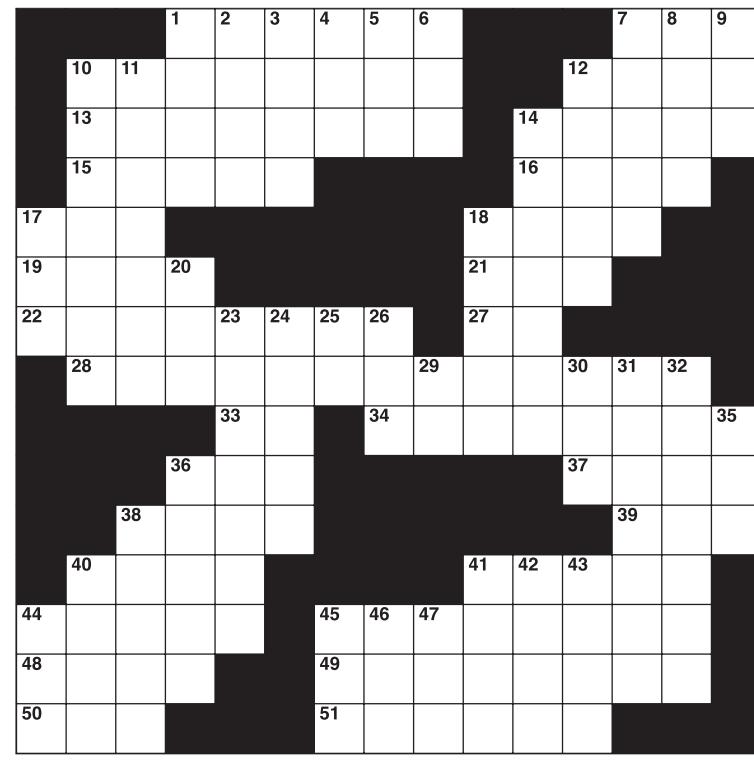
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- Political action committee
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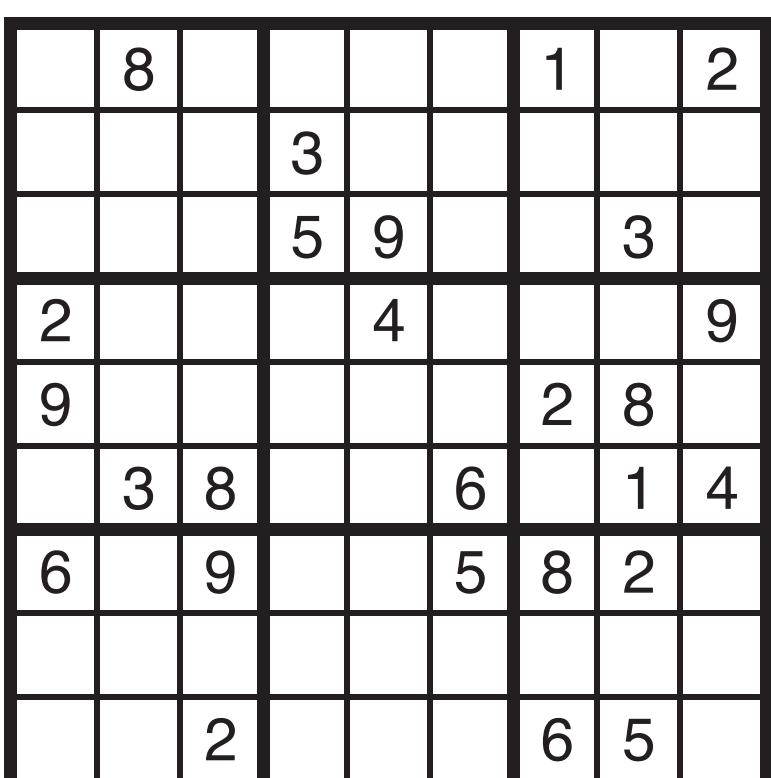
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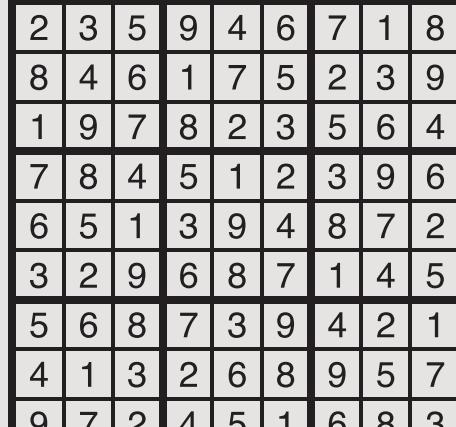
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Life in the Arts reaches high note

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Maryville High School was alive with the sound of music as a former Spoofhound performed April 2 in the Lee and Nina Schneider Center for the Performing Arts.

Kevin Bobo is a Maryville High School alumnus, as well as the son of Northwest Missouri State University faculty member Richard Bobo, who worked in the music department from 1983 to 2000.

Bobo, a renowned percussionist, has performed in 40 of the 50 states as well as traveling to the countries of Taiwan, Singapore, Argentina, France, Italy and the Czech Republic.

Bobo was the concluding performance in the "Transformations: A Life in the Arts" series. This series is designed to exemplify local artists in the performing arts. This year has included presentations in art, theater and music.

Kathryn Strickland, the chair of the Department of Fine and Performing Arts, feels the "Transformation" series is a great way for students to meet professionals in their respective fields.

"It's 'Transformations: Life in the Arts,' and it's three guest artists are professionals in art, music and theater, who are also successful teachers, while they also are still functioning as artists and performers," Strickland said. "I invited them to campus to help give our students a vision of how those two lives can still coincide."

Strickland invited all of the performers featured in the "Life in the Arts" series because they all



World renowned percussionist Kevin Bobo returns to his alma mater for a marimba performance showcasing his unique style of play, portraying the meaning of the instrument to him over the past 30 years. Here he performs "31 Reasons Why," speaking over his playing, accompanying himself throughout the piece to entertain the audience.

have connections to Northwest or the Maryville community.

"Kevin Bobo grew up in Maryville (his father was the chair of the Department of Music at Northwest several years ago) and is now regarded as one of the best solo percussionists in the country," Strickland said.

Strickland went on to talk about how each of the artists that

were featured shared a unique connection to Maryville or the University.

"Cassia Kite graduated from Northwest and is teaching in Florida, while still showing her art in different venues around the country," Strickland said. "Jo Byrnes is married to our theater facilities manager, and is on the theater faculty at Cottey College, while also

still performing professionally and specializing in Laban Movement Analysis."

Ryann French, a junior vocal music education major was happy to have the opportunity to meet others in the field.

"It is extremely important for people to meet others going into the music field," French said. "Talking to people who have more

experience is one of the best ways to learn. When mistakes happen, they can share what they learned from that to help musicians not make the same mistakes."

French was happy to develop a support system before entering the workforce and a professional setting.

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THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat to take off the training wheels

Ready or not, here to Northwest you came. Through high school, your maturity level never made it pass 16-years-old and your parents sent you off to college unprepared and unadaptable. But if it's one thing college will force you into, it's adulthood.

It's time to take the training wheels off, Bearcats. That may be hard for some of you to do, considering the amount of coddling that took place in your childhood. Remember all those times you wished to be an adult, they've finally caught up with you and the time is here.

No one is here to hold your hand as you cross the street and, all the same, no one is here to drag you out of your bed or tickle your toes until you rise refreshed and well. That's your

responsibility now. And while I'm sure you'll read this and say "I'm an adult, I can wake up by myself," yet you haven't been to one particular class in about two weeks.

No one is here to follow behind you, cleaning up your trail of dirty clothes, dishes and miscellaneous items. I can guarantee your roommate is tired of stepping over your filth in order to go to the bathroom.

No one is here to fix the predicaments you place yourself into. Self-defeating behavior affects no one but yourself. Mommy and daddy can't call your professors when your procrastination has led to a 59 percent with three weeks left before finals.

Solving your own problems is quite the challenge, when your

entitlement issues and overgrown ego allow you to believe your mistakes are a product of unfairness, instead of your own irresponsibility.

What's funny is that your inability to make responsible decisions for yourself is invisible to you. You moved your belongings to Maryville, determined the sudden change in environment meant a sudden change in independence. Your new-found freedom is not an example of your maturity; if anything, it's proving to impair your integrity.

No one is going to decide for you, that you can't hang out with 'Toxic Tiffany', 'Jealous Jennifer' and 'Negative Nancy.' You must be strong enough to let go of bad influences and waste-of-space idlers. You spend so much time with 'Drunk Danny,'

you've become 'Intoxicated Ian' with a raging hangover in your 9:35 class Thursday morning.

You've wasted the money from taxpayers, your parents' pockets and from your own future pocket with a load of debt, that you have to pay back regardless of whether you graduate or not.

Realize the importance of you finding your independence and the burden your immaturity places on those around you. Childhood is over, my fellow Bearcats, and we must be our own authoritarian, or we'll never make across the stage, degree in hand.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Food festival offers food for thought through diversity

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The world is full of diverse and unique cultures and some found a way to explore it with their stomachs at the Spring Food Festival.

The festival took place in the Student Union March 28, and included food from all over the world, a flute song from Nepal and a dancing duo performing a dance from the Caribbean. This is the second event of this nature and featured a new set of countries and cultures for those in attendance.

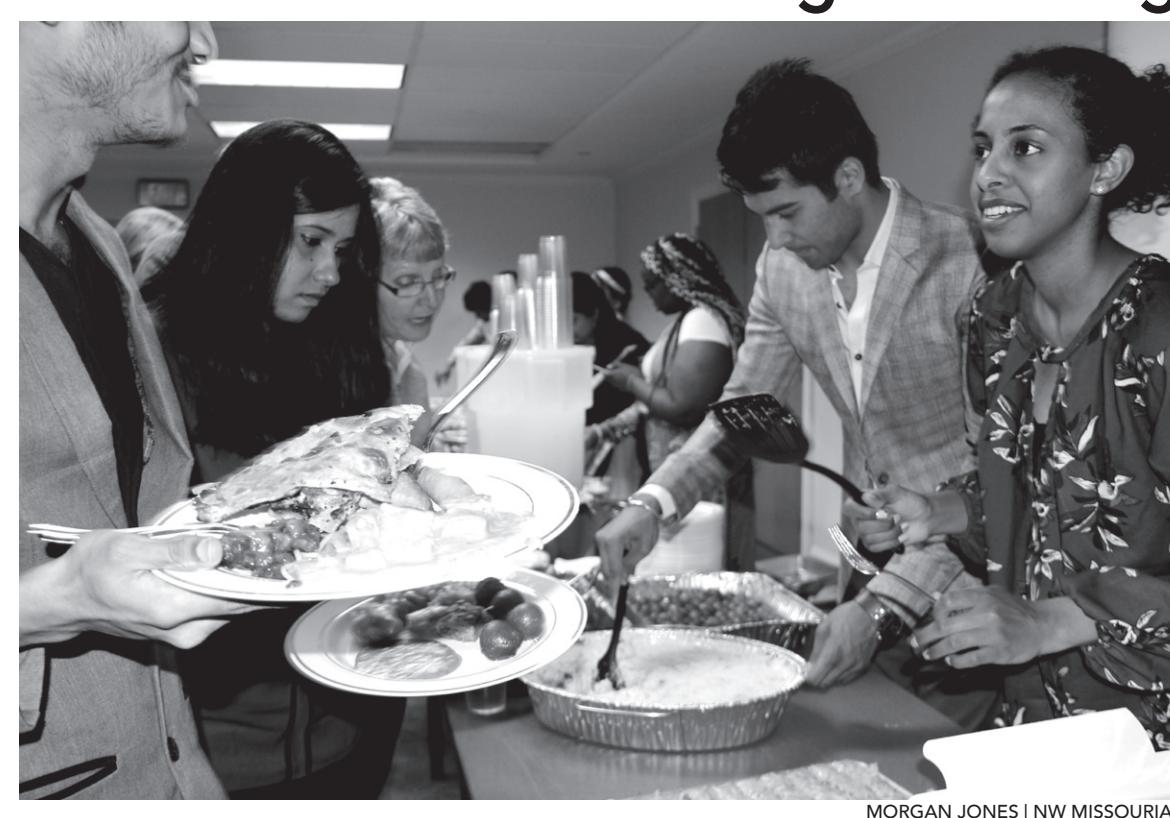
Asma Hassan, a sophomore double majoring in psychology and human services, said she felt this event helped to honor a number of cultures that are represented on campus.

"The Spring Food Festival was a way to honor all cultures on campus through various meals requested for the members of International Student Organization," Hassan said.

Around 260 students and community members attended this event and celebrated cultures from all over the world.

Hassan was proud to serve a diverse menu from around the world.

"We made sure to only present the cultures on campus to represent the international population," Hassan said. "We served food according to a variety of cultures in-



International Student Organization member Asma Hassan (right) helps serve food at the Spring Food Festival March 28. The event featured a variety of international food including African, Indian, Nepali, Mediterranean cuisine and more.

cluding Chinese, African, Indian, Nepali, Mexican, Italian, Caribbean and Mediterranean."

Some of the items served included spring rolls and egg rolls from China, samosas from Africa, paneer tikka masala from India and rice pudding from Nepal.

Shyla Kallhoff, a junior double

majoring in human services and Spanish, was proud to help support a new organization on campus.

"International Student Organization is a brand-new group that excels at and exceeds any and all expectations of a first-year group," Kallhoff said. "The International office and the Division of Diver-

sity, Equity and Inclusion have really fostered a space where all feel included. As a non-international student, I learned so much and felt right at home at the dinner. I hope to see more events like this one in the future."

Hassan said the event was a complete success and wanted peo-

ple to understand a variety of cultures.

"The event was phenomenal. Everyone enjoyed the food so much they went back and got a second helping," Hassan said. "I would definitely host this event again. This dinner was essential part to bringing the community together."

Kallhoff wants people to keep expanding their horizons, try new foods and experience cultures from all over the world.

"If people could take away a message from the event, I would like them to realize that trying new foods and embracing new cultures can be overwhelming at times, but in the end, you will grow as a person and you will learn something," Kallhoff said. "All of the International students that I've talked to are more than willing to talk to you about their cultures and where they are from, as long as you are willing to listen."

Hassan wants everyone to learn more about the various cultures in the world, especially the ones that make up the Northwest community.

"I want people to understand and appreciate worldwide cultures to come together as one," Hassan said. "The dinner was meant to help you fully indulge in an understanding of the world."

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Colorful Language

A generational shift allows for acceptance of swearing

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It seems rare to run into someone who doesn't swear in college. A bunch of young adults trying to figure out how not to f@\$% up their lives can sometimes lead to some colorful language.

However, once they graduate, employers put some restrictions on what is and what is not appropriate to say. But why are these arguably subjective words so bad?

Benjamin K. Bergen, professor of cognitive science at the University of California and author of "What the F: What Swearing Reveals About Our Language, Our Brains and Ourselves," said it's a social thing.

"The reason that a child thinks the F-word is a bad word is that, growing up, he or she was told that it was a bad word," Bergen said in an interview with the "New York Times." "So profanity is a cultural construct that perpetuates itself through time." Bergen is a professor of cognitive science at the University of California and author of "What the F: What Swearing Reveals About Our Language, Our Brains and Ourselves."

Society seems to add to the idea that these words are bad, but what exactly are these bad words which shouldn't be said?

The Federal Communications Commission made a list of seven words which aren't allowed to be said over air. This list includes p*ss, sh!t, motherf@&%er, sh!t, c*&%sucker, c*nt and f@&%. This list was made 40 years ago and is still in effect. To people such as Bergen and some Northwest students, the main reason these words, among others, are deemed offensive is because as a society, people have been trained to see them in such a way. Even now, in this article, the staff has to censor these words for readers who probably know and use these words regularly. Some stu-

dents have a favorite swear word. Such is the case of Northwest media freshman, Simon Clark.

"My favorite words to use are f@&% and sh!t," Clark said. A smile grew on his face as he fidgeted a bit. "Anything else is just me being a joker."

Clark grew up in a home which was open with swearing.

"My dad works in media, so he's really against censorship," Clark said. "By the time I was five, I knew most of the 'bad' words," Clark said. "By the time I was 12, my parents started telling me I probably shouldn't say those words in public."

The transition from high school to college language has been different for Clark.

"It's so funny. I have Offutt for

phens said in an email to the New York Times. "This leads to stress-induced analgesia being more tolerant of pain."

It appears humans aren't the only creatures who swear. According to research conducted by Roger Fouts in the 1960s, when potty training a chimp named Washoe and teaching Washoe sign language, he noticed how Washoe communicated with the three other chimps. The four learned the word "dirty" was bad and, when angered, called each other "dirty."

In this day and age, many still view swearing as unprofessional. In a survey conducted by the Missourian, out of 31 participants, 70.91 percent, or 22 people believed swearing is unprofessional. However, out of these 31 people 90.32 percent, or 28 peo-

these words, but you don't need to use them."

While swearing is a personal choice for each person, society seems to focus on the ladies.

"F@\$% people who say women shouldn't swear," sophomore history major Alexandria Green said.

Green is known by her friends for her fiery red hair and equally fiery language which her friends often pick up.

"One sentence I've said that my friends kind of started repeating is 'I'm thicka than a Snicka, but I can still f@\$% sh!t up,'" Green said. "If you can't tell, my favorite swear word is f@\$%."

While people may view swearing differently, there appears to be one thing most can agree on: people should avoid swearing on social media.

In the survey done by the Missourian, 48.39 percent of respondents said they never swear on social media as many employers have started viewing the profiles of job candidates.

"Most times, it's their first impression of you," Mosby said. "I can't necessarily speak on behalf of employers 'cause your boy is looking for a job right now, but I can speak on behalf of different coaches I've talked to in the recruiting process."

Mosby said social media posts can sometimes force coaches to let go of prospective athletes.

"They really look at what's on your page," Mosby said. "On one hand, it seems a little judgemental because of something as small as a word, but when you're building a company or building a program, why not get people who carry themselves in a way...carries no risk?"

Ultimately, the choice to swear is up to each individual and where their values lie. While f@\$% may be the most grammatically versatile word in the English language, it is not universally versatile for every situation and person.

“
F@\$% people who say women shouldn't swear,”
-Alexandria Green

professional media writing, and every single day, he has something to say," Clark said. "He can just be ranting about a movie and just lets it out. It just makes me think he's the coolest teacher."

While swearing is sometimes described as having low intelligence, studies are showing that swearing may be good for the mind and body. In a study done by Richard Stephens, a senior lecturer in psychology at Keele University, results showed swearing can increase the body's pain tolerance.

"For pain relief, swearing seems to trigger the natural 'fight or flight' stress response, as well as increased adrenaline and heart pumping," Ste-

ple, were fine with swearing in their personal lives.

"If I said I never swore, that'd be a bold faced lie," senior D'Vante Mosby said. "It's not like one of those things where I'm like, 'oh you swore.' People do slip up every now and again."

For Mosby, swearing has a time and a place, but as a role model for his niece and nephews, he watches his words.

"Personally, there are different words to describe different things. I think using a cuss word isn't the best way to do it," Mosby said. "As I get older and I look at my niece and nephews... I look at them the way my mom looked at me. I may use

Swearing by the numbers



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Sophomore Morgan Pettlon completed a rare double hat-trick (six goals) in Maryville's 8-0 win against Savannah Thursday, March 29.

Spoofhounds leaning heavily on third basemen leadership

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For the past week, Maryville baseball's season has been at a halt.

Weather and field conditions have prevented the Spoofhounds (2-1) from competing since it grabbed a 7-6 victory over Benton (2-4) March 28.

Since the comeback win, Maryville has been forced to postpone two varsity games. The Spoofhounds hope to return to competition against Cameron (2-4) April 5.

"The reality is, we still got to put in the work," coach Carson Reidel said. "Other teams are getting in games. We're having prac-

tice, so we need to treat practices like they're games."

In the meantime, Maryville has been practicing just as it would any other week. Reidel has turned to his team to keep the momentum going.

Members of the team itself have been a large part of pushing the team's mentality forward.

"Mindset is a big key," senior Quentin Ternus said. "Making sure you have a good end goal in mind. Don't skip reps; stay in the cage. Go get those balls, even if it's on the gym floor."

Ternus is one of the Spoofhounds' four seniors this season. He has primarily contributed as a third baseman through the team's three games.

With past experience with the



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Infielder Quentin Ternus is one of four seniors on this year's Spoofhound baseball team. He is weighing his options for continuing his career at the collegiate level.

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team, he has a pretty good idea of what it takes to be a strong leader on the team.

"I'm really vocal," Ternus said. "I'm making sure everyone knows if they're doing good. If they mess up, I make sure their heads are up."

Ternus has been with the team since preparation started early on this year. He was one of the few upperclassmen Reidel considers to be one of the team's many leaders through all aspects of the game.

"He's a very skilled player," Reidel said. "He's been with the team all four years. He pushes hard every day. He hustles. You can pretty much put him anywhere in the field."

Baseball has been a large part of Ternus' life, beginning with T-ball as a youth.

He has been with the same teammates through much of his time in the sport, with an exception in second grade. His family moved to Arkansas that year, but returned to Maryville shortly after.

"I just want to make an impact on everyone's life as much as I can," Ternus said.

He was an honorable mention member of the 2017 all-MEC team. He also spent time on the football team at the wide receiver position during his time at Maryville.

"He does things the right way," Reidel said. "He is rarely detached. At his age, lot of times, guys will show up and they won't be into practicing that day. You can tell he comes ready to work every day."

Ternus is looking at options to continue his baseball career collegiately. Reidel added Ternus has the ability to be a part of any roster at the next level wherever he goes.

"With his athleticism and his attitude, I really think he can make it far in college," Reidel said.

"Even if he ends up going to a smaller school, I can see him eventually going to a bigger school."

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"A day like today is perfect to bring them in and show them game film," Reuter said. "We can look at what we did right and what we did wrong, and how we can get better at that. To me, it's just natural, and it's what we do as a coaching staff here. We're here to make each one of these players better, and to make this program better, so this is just one more step of doing that."

Pettlon, a forward, has scored an absurd 11 goals in four games this season for the Spoofhounds. The sophomore passed much of the praise to her teammates when reflecting on her latest performance, a six-goal outburst against Savannah.

"It was great to just get the ball

in the net," Pettlon said. "I really couldn't do it without the other midfielders though; they helped get the ball through to me."

Pettlon said that she expects more of the same in Maryville's next matchup April 6 against Bishop LeBlond. True to his nature, Reuter is treating the matchup, just the fifth of the season for Maryville, as a critical stop along the way for the Spoofhounds.

"It's a must-win game," Reuter said. "There's no other way of putting that. My expectation is that we play Maryville ball, we control, we keep possession of the ball as much as we can. We can expect to go the full 80 minutes, and hopefully we come out a victor. It is a conference match, it counts against conference standings, so obviously I want to win that game."

RAWIE

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Jessica Rawie didn't catch for 19 games and said not playing both sides the whole game was mentally frustrating.

"Being out half the game, I just felt very mentally blocked, and I felt like I was putting a lot of pressure on myself to do well," Jessica Rawie said. "The injury definitely took a lot out of me."

Jessica Rawie said that being the starting catcher her freshmen season was indeed a daunting task.

"It was pretty overwhelming at first because I'm catching these juniors and seniors who have all these years under their belt," Jessica Rawie said. "Once I settled down and knew coach brought me here to start for a reason is when I really got a lot more confidence within myself."

Jessica Rawie led the MIAA in runners thrown out with 15 during her freshman season. Blackford has been able to witness Rawie start all four years and said the catcher simply makes pitchers better.

"She is just so consistent both at the plate and as a catcher," Blackford said. "She knows what to call, and she knows how to make me

feel comfortable as I'm pitching."

Jessica Rawie said she puts a lot of pressure on herself to be the emotional engine for the team.

"I feel like as a catcher everyone is staring at you every play and what you do kind of determines everyone else," Jessica Rawie said. "I feel like if I'm down, then my pitcher is down and not going to pitch well. In the back of my head, I say, 'I've always got to keep a positive attitude.'"

Jessica Rawie's teammates have always provided a source of inspiration for her to succeed on the diamond and the weight room.

"It's one thing to do it for yourself, but it's another thing to do it for your team," Jessica Rawie said. "If I'm just out there doing it for myself, then I don't see a point of even playing because I'm out there to better myself for my team to win."

The senior said she owes so much to the game of softball and everything the sport has given her.

"It honestly has given me some of the best friendships in life and taught me how to be disciplined," Jessica Rawie said. "If I hadn't played softball, I honestly don't know what I'd be doing with my life because it has brought me so many opportunities."

TRAINERS

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"To work anything above high school level or to be competitive, you have to have your masters," Wood said. "That's what I'm doing right now just getting my master's and getting beginning experience as a certified athletic trainer."

Some see it as a step in a long road, but for others the work they are doing now is the end all end all in their medical journey.

"Thinking about me, the job I have at Northwest is basically an end goal job for me," Hevern said. "Right now, I can't think of anything else, because it's like my dream job."



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Track pushes through mental test

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Northwest track and field saw yet another school record fall March 30 at the Washington University Invitational in St. Louis.

Junior Karim Achengli arrived at Northwest after transferring from Iowa Central Community College. In his first 5000-meter race as a Bearcat, he topped Northwest's all-time list, winning the race in a time of 14:22.13. While the time landed him a school record, he was still more than 10 seconds off his personal best of 14:08.82.

A school record was just the start of the weekend for Achengli as he headed back to Maryville that night, arriving around 4 a.m. March 31. He soon departed with the rest of the Bearcats for Emporia, Kansas, for the ESU Relays.

This quick turnaround was something new for Achengli and provided a test early in outdoor season.

"I had planned to run a good 5000, and to focus on that distance," Achengli said. "Then go Saturday to run the 1500 as a workout, and it went well."

This "workout" for Achengli was a seventh-place finish at the ESU relays, having a time of 4:04.10. This is a few seconds off his personal best of 3:59.51. The promise shown by Achengli was just one part of a successful weekend for coach Scott Lorek and the Bearcats.

"Friday's meet went really well; we had seven out of the nine people there hit PRs (Personal Records), so it was really a good meet for us," Lorek said.

While a few athletes went to the Washington University Invitational, the majority of the track team competed in the ESU Relays.



Freshman Jordan Hammond took first in the 100-meter hurdles, running a time of 14.57 seconds, Saturday at the Emporia State Relays.

MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Jordan Hammond once again dominated her events, winning both the 100 and 400 meter hurdle races. Hammond finished with a 14.57 in the 100 hurdles and a 1:05.26 in the 400 hurdles.

While the 14.57 was a personal record for Hammond, she said the race gave her confidence in what more she can accomplish.

"My hurdle race I PR'd with probably not the best race," Hammond said. "It gives me a lot of

confidence having a PR, but not running the best race because there is a lot to work on, and my time can only get better."

Hammond, Achengli and the rest of the Bearcats have a few days to prepare for their final home meet of the season, the MIAA vs NSIC Showdown April 5. The meet was originally planned to be April 5-7, but do to a threat of inclement weather, the meet was condensed to one day.

Moving the meet to one day eliminates the heptathlon, decathlon and the prelims from the schedule. The start time was moved from 2 p.m. to 11 a.m. in order to get through all the events in one day.

"In the past, we've had prelims and finals and that's been really nice to give people another chance to run, but obviously, if the weather is going to be crappy, that doesn't do a sprinter much good," assis-

tant coach Emily Peterson said. "It is still going to be a really competitive meet, and it is nice just to see those people you might be competing against at the national meet."



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN
Serena Sundell hands the baton off to Savannah Erickson to begin the third leg of the 4-X-200 meter relay at the Spoofhounds' first meet of the season March 21.

NW SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS OVERALL MIAA

Washburn.....	27-8	11-1
Central Missouri.....	22-16	11-3
Central Oklahoma.....	23-14	12-4
NORTHWEST.....	19-11	10-4
Northeastern State.....	22-15	10-4
Missouri Western.....	17-22	8-6
Nebraska Kearney.....	12-21	8-8
Pittsburg State.....	16-25	6-6
Missouri Southern.....	19-21	6-8
Emporia State.....	14-24	5-9
Lindenwood.....	16-18	5-11
Fort Hays State.....	9-29	5-11
Southwest Baptist.....	13-22	3-9
Lincoln.....	5-29	0-16

NW BASEBALL

MIAA STANDINGS OVERALL MIAA

Central Oklahoma.....	25-10	17-4
Central Missouri.....	24-7	15-5
NORTHWEST.....	17-14	12-5
Pittsburg State.....	21-11	13-7
Missouri Western.....	17-13	10-7
Nebraska Kearney.....	17-14	10-7
Emporia State.....	17-13	8-9
Northeastern State.....	17-13	8-9
Missouri Southern.....	19-13	7-11
Lindenwood.....	14-16	7-12
Southwest Baptist.....	12-19	6-13
Fort Hays State.....	12-21	4-16
Washburn.....	10-21	4-16

NW MEN'S TENNIS

MIAA STANDINGS OVERALL MIAA

Southwest Baptist.....	14-2	4-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	13-3	3-0
Emporia State.....	10-4	1-2
Washburn.....	7-4	1-2
NORTHWEST.....	7-8	0-3
Lindenwood.....	6-6	0-2

NW WOMEN'S TENNIS

MIAA STANDINGS OVERALL MIAA

Northeastern State.....	12-4	6-0
Central Oklahoma.....	13-2	6-1
Southwest Baptist.....	10-3	4-2
NORTHWEST.....	8-9	3-2
Nebraska Kearney.....	12-4	2-2
Fort Hays State.....	6-7	1-5
Missouri Western.....	10-6	2-2
Lindenwood.....	2-7	1-2
Emporia State.....	1-8	0-5

Baseball set for rivalry series with Central Missouri

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Northwest baseball faces off against its toughest competition to date, as days countdown until the highly anticipated Central Missouri series.

Rivalry week has begun as the Bearcats prepare for a battle with Central Missouri (24-7). Major conference implications are on the line against the Mules, but the focus remains on just winning game one.

As the MIAA standings sit, Northwest is in the No. 3 spot with a 12-5 conference record. But just an arm's length away, UCM holds the No. 2 position along with a 15-5 record of their own. Northwest's standings in the conference are helped in part by their team ERA of 4.51 that ranks fourth in the MIAA.

With three games between the pair happening this weekend, no series has seemed more critical to make an impact on the remainder of the season. Coach Darin Loe knows how to take on a team like Central Missouri.

The key for the Bearcats will be to play to their strengths and compete.

Last weekend, Northwest suf-

NEXT GAMES

Central Missouri at Northwest

April 5 (DH) @ 12 p.m., 3 p.m.

April 8 @ 1:00 p.m.

"We just have to focus on the process of what we need to do to give ourselves a chance at the end of the day," Loe said. "We have to focus on what we are good at and that's pitching, defense and timely hitting."

Though the series as a whole is one that could reflect the season's success, Northwest has its mindset on just winning game one first and nothing more.

"Win game one," senior Luke Hassman said. "Every game is a battle, and you just have to take it one game at a time. Baseball is nine innings of strategy that you have to take one game at a time."

Throughout the season, a core concept that is pressed into the heads of anyone that is part of Bearcat baseball is to forget the bad games that happened and go on to the next one. This idea hits peak importance this week as they head back into conference play.

Last weekend, Northwest suf-



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Northwest senior Hudson Bilodeau slides safely into second after hitting a double down the left field line in game two of last week's double header against Northern State.

fered two straight losses to Northern State in a doubleheader in unfavorable fashions, as struggles existed on both sides of the diamond.

"Obviously, it was a tough day on us; bad thing is when you come

out flat on any given day, you're going to get beat," Loe said. "Still at the end of that week, we are 5-2, so you have to look at the positives and fix the spots and keep looking forward."

As the weekend approaches fast, the Bearcats know that history will have to be thrown out the window in order for success to occur.

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Four-year starter breaks program record for career strikeouts

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It's not often an athlete gets the opportunity to play the game they love right off the bat at a four-year university.

For Joseph Hietpas, this task was the ultimate goal as he walked through the recruiting process.

In the end, the right-handed pitcher chose to take his talents to Northwest.

"I'm not going to lie," Hietpas said. "For me, it was getting the chance to come and play right away. I knew Northwest was going to be losing a lot of pitching when I was coming in."

After proving himself in his first

offseason of training with the team, coach Darin Loe gave Hietpas the chance to be a starting pitcher.

Hietpas finished his freshman season with a 4.87 ERA through 57.1 innings. Each year since, his performance has inclined.

The Bearcats are 28-11 in the games Hietpas has started on the mound over the past three years. He has 18 wins and 14 losses attached to his name.

"For me, I just try and find a mindset of just going out and winning every pitch," Hietpas said. "If I can win as many pitches as I can over the course of the game, that adds up over time."

The attitude helped Hietpas to etch his name in the record books for career thrown strikeouts. He

passed the checkmark against Washburn March 22.

Hietpas now holds 285 career strikeouts. The previous record of 267 strikeouts was set by Anthony Caenepeel between 2015-2017.

Hietpas received a few congratulatory messages following the game, including one from former Bearcat Carson Smith.

"He thought it was really funny to see me break it because I told him when I was a freshman that I was going to break it," Hietpas said. "Now, I don't remember that, but he said I said that."

Hietpas plans to keep reaching milestones at the personal and team level for the rest of the season. It all starts with the team's health and focus.

Through the remaining portion of the season, Hietpas would like the team to remain healthy as it hopes to earn a conference tournament championship, along with a regional bid.

"Joe is a guy that has a contagious work ethic," senior Kevin Handzlik said. "He is a guy that everyone looks up to because of his experience and success."

Hietpas has yet to miss a start within his career. He credits his superstitions to keeping himself on track each week.

"I always have to have two meals in the week," Hietpas said. "I always eat by myself. I eat once at El Maguey during the week. Then we always have pizza the night before my start."

Hietpas also has a strict step by step process between each of his starts. There are typically six to seven days between each start.

He keeps track of his throwing, lifting and running schedules through spreadsheet. He also follows a routine on game day.

"I always go through my foam rolling routine, my mobility routine," Hietpas said. "My dynamic warm up, then my plow care on my way to drill work before I start. Stretch it out before the game, then go to the bullpen for 35 pitches, then we're ready to roll."

Hietpas and Northwest continue their path of the season against Central Missouri April 6-8. Hietpas has a 2.78 ERA this season and holds a 6-1 record.

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Athletic trainer Paden Maudlin wraps infielder Caroline Motis' wrist during the Bearcats' home game against Missouri Western March 27. Trainers are a large part of the culture that exists within Bearcat Sports.

Bearcat trainers benefit behind the tape

TRENT SPINNER
Chief Reporter | @trentspinner



As Northwest student-athletes are pushed to the brink of brokenness, one team is there to save the foundation of the sport through the healing that is needed.

In the moment of a potential detrimental injury, the people behind the curtain bringing your favorite Northwest athletes back to the field is the Bearcat Sports Medicine Team.

The medical staff is comprised of various students and staff members. From graduate assistants that traveled to play their part in Bearcat sports to locals building their resumes off of childhood heroes. All of them however share a common passion for sports and the medical field alike.

As the Bearcat athletic trainers tally a total of three athletic training managers, three graduate assistants

and six full time medical personnel, two staff members exemplify the work it takes to be part of the team.

Logan Wood and Elizabeth

the coaches," Hevern said. "I can go up and talk with Coach Wright, a lot of times you don't get that at higher levels, up there it's strictly a busi-

sity. From Division I powerhouse to small town USA, he knows the key to healthy medical relationships with all the players he helps is to get a little help himself.

"Truly I don't feel like a grad student here, I feel like a full-time," Wood said. "You come in and you work with the team, but you're still observed by the head athletic trainer, which is nice, because you have people you can go talk to."

Hevern, though one of the full-time employees of the medical staff, shares the commonality of traveling to Maryville. A former University of Connecticut Husky, she works within the football program, ensuring medical stability to one of Division II's top competitors and to do that takes time and effort.

"Basically, we're pretty scheduled, we open up at 7 and have treatments from 7 to 11 a.m., it's usually pretty packed in the morning, there's about 450 student ath-

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-Elizabeth Hevern,

Hevern both play key parts every day, maintaining the Bearcat's health on the athletic fields in a family atmosphere, even though their original homes are far from Maryville.

"We both came from bigger Division I schools, and it is a family there, but there is a difference with

ness, here I ask how his daughter is doing, like she had a swim meet last week and how'd it go."

Wood a graduate assistant in the medical program focusing on baseball and women's soccer, has had his fair share of experience, coming out of Iowa State Univer-

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Senior catcher serves as staple for softball program

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For four seasons, Liberty native senior Jessica Rawie, has been anchoring the catching position of the Northwest softball team.

Going to Northwest has been a tradition in the Rawie family, with both of the senior's parents Cindy and Doug Rawie attending the university before her, as well as her uncle and sister.

Rawie said that when she visited the Northwest, she was over-

come with the same embracing feelings so many students get.

"The second I stepped on to Northwest's campus, it was just so welcoming and the family aspect is always there like so many people say," Jessica Rawie said. "You just immediately feel like a part of the family when you step on campus."

Her little brother Robert Rawie is also committed to play football at Northwest this fall.

Rawie gave credit to coach Ryan Anderson for helping her grow and mature during her time at Northwest.

"Coach Anderson is awesome and definitely has his own personal

NEXT GAMES

Pittsburg State at Northwest (DH)

April 5 @ 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Missouri Southern at Northwest (DH)

April 7 @ 12 p.m., 2 p.m.



DYLAN COLDENSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior catcher Jessica Rawie is a four year starter for Northwest softball, with a career batting average of .286.

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Girls soccer not satisfied despite 8-0 statement

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As snow fell for the duration of the weekend across Missouri, the outlook of the Maryville girls soccer matchup with Northland Christian School evolved from bleak to nonviable.

Like many sporting events throughout the state, the matchup, originally scheduled for April 3, was postponed.

It would've been understandable, and perhaps even commonplace, for a coach in Dale Reuter's shoes to send his team home for a day off upon the postponement of the match.

Instead, Reuter gathered his team within the dimly-lit confines of the Maryville High School library to study film and talk strategy, in both review of Maryville's (3-1) latest win and in preparation for its next game.

Instead of praising his team on the heels of an impressive 8-0 victory over Savannah, a game in which sophomore Morgan Petton scored six goals, Reuter's focus remained on what could have been done better.

Reuter attributed the 8-0 thrashing more to the unpreparedness of Savannah, rather than the performance of his own team.

"Well, that was Savannah's first game," Reuter said. "I think the route of (Savannah), if that's what

NEXT GAME

Bishop LeBlond at Maryville

April 6 @ 5:00 p.m.

you want to call it, had a lot to them really not being ready to play. We came in a little more seasoned than them, and we were prepared, we were ready for a good game."

When it comes to his team's performance on the field, Reuter is never satisfied. Despite the wide margin in score in their last outing, he continued to preach the importance of aggressive play to the Maryville roster.

The message relayed to the players in the film study session, and the very existence of the session itself, are the latest samples in evidence that suggest Reuter's devotion to success is genuine and unrelenting.

"We're not perfect," Reuter said. "The girls know that we go out there and work hard, but we don't play mistake-free ball. We have a lot of young players on this team contributing big minutes, and there's mistakes that they're making."

For Reuter, the inclement weather provided an opportunity to turn his team's attention to the little things. For Maryville, Reuter's commitment to excellence is the foundation of a winning culture.

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